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WEATHER TODAY.

- Portland, Oct. 26.—Western
Washington: Friday, fair except possible local rains near coast.
Western Oregon: Fair, warmer in the south portion.
Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington: Fair and warmer.

MOUNTAIN AND MOUSE.

Tim. W. Davenport, Democrat, philosopher, farmer, (and father of the genial and famous cartoonist, Homer Davenport,) is disturbing the heritage of ease and comfort that is rightfully his by reason of honorable age and the fit reward that accrues to a life well spent, and endangering the serenity of his placid existence at Silverton by hunting around for something to write about.

His last letter, published in the Oregonian of Wednesday, ament the breach of constitutional law committed by Charles W. Fulton in accepting the nomination and election for and to the office of United States Senator while he was still a member of the Oregon Legislature, is the case in point from which we adduce confirmation of our conclusion as to his literary infirmity.

After two solid columns of prelude, that reads like a chapter from the moral edicts of Confucius, (a necessary predicate, perhaps, for the idle and far-fetched accusation with which he closes his letter,) he informs the wondering world that the only man on the official representative roster of the State of Oregon who is too clean and wholesome and straight-forward to have been immersed in the shameful pool of public prostitution in which every one of his colleagues has found political death and the state its culmination of disgrace, is guilty of a violation of his oath of office, and his obligation to the Constitution of the State, because, forsooth, he took up the honor of the National Senate that was cast at his fee by people and colleagues who believed he was the one man able enough and deserving enough to carry the standard; and this after two years of service has proven the certainty of their judgment.

The people were forced to go to the legislature for a man with brains and mental brawn to represent them in the largest field of governmental operation; they could not find what they wanted in Silverton nor in Portland; they chose it from an available source one that furnished a man already in evidence as an able public servant, and having found the proven man, called him "up higher."

Mr. Fulton was not responsible for the choice made by his colleagues; he could not be expected to resign upon an intimation that he might be chosen senator; that would have been an assumption that would have made him ridiculous; he had the constitutional right to aspire to the more exalted office in common with every other man in the country; that he lent his individual aid, by anti-election promises, contracts, negotiations, or gave personal assurances of reward to any person for support in the contest set afoot by those solely charged with the duty of naming a Federal Senator, is simply the biased statement of Mr. Davenport unsupported by any subsequent official inquiry or determination; he did not have to resign the post and duties of the state senatorship until the election to the greater office had been consummated, and then he did resign, and went to his loftier sphere cleanhanded and has maintained his trust irreproachably to the present moment.

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There has been an unending scramble and search for something with which to besmirch Mr. Fulton ever since the appearance of United States Attorney Heney in Oregon and the program of disclosure he brought with him and unfolded so successfully; (not that that gentleman lent himself or his office to the dirty work of contamination) by way of reprisal on the part of those caught in the criminal net and by their friends on the outside of it; and the screed of "Uncle Tim" is either in line with this implacable design (and to which he is contributing), or it is a sort of first gun in the campaign of his friend and fellow-farmer, ex-Governor T. T. Geer, who has an eye on the vacancy in the National Senate, or lastly, it is a late remembered thesis to which the venerable ex-Sate Land Agent has lent himself for the indulgence of an hour otherwise unemployed and dull to the point of stagnation.

There is hotel-talk in the air. It is heard on all sides and some of it has a definite ring. Suggestions are rife and interest in the important topic is growing. It is expected that the Chamber of Commerce at its meeting on November 6th, will have something tangible to present in this relation and every citizen who can, should be in attendance to urge and aid the project.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Thomas Hueston has challenged Alfred de Oro to a 600-ball pool match for a side bet and the title to the world's championship, the game to be played in St. Louis.

A canvass of twenty-two of the forty-two wards of Philadelphia shows that 15,861 names were illegally placed on the voting lists in these wards. More than 36,000 names were stricken from the lists during the canvass in the summer months.

At a meeting held in New York last night John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s Sunday school class took a jump into politics by declaring in favor of Jerome, cheering the candidate's name to the echo. Young Rockefeller led the cheering.

Mrs. Charles F. Joy, wife of a former St. Louis Congressman, is planning the establishment of a million dollar college the object of which will be the study of occult and psychic phenomena. It is proposed to build the school near Santa Barbara, California.

A race riot between school boys occurred in Indianapolis last night and a 14-year old white boy was shot and dangerously wounded by a 12-year old negro. There has been trouble between the two races attending school for several days and last night it culminated as above stated.

Formal notification has been given that Iroquois Theatre property in Chicago has passed into the hands of a New York corporation. The purchasing com-

assumes an incumbrance of \$300,000 on the property.

Chicago is to have a theatre where all the season through nothing but classic drama will be presented.

The Lexington hotel in Chicago, formerly the property of the Knights of Pythias, was sold yesterday to two hotel men from Kansas City, the consideration being \$500,000.

Brigadier General Greely, chief of the United States signal service, was elected First Vice President of the Explorer's Club at a meeting held in New York last night.

Henry C. Frick has taken up his permanent residence in New York, having rented a place from the Vanderbilts at \$50,000 a year. His interest in the United States Steel Corporation calls for his presence in New York the greater part of the time.

RAILROADS BUILT LAST YEAR

Heaviest Construction Was in the Southwestern States.

New York, Oct. 26.—Advance sheets of Poor's Manual of Railroads, which will be issued November 1, gives the length of steam railroads in the United States on December 31, 1904 as 212,349 miles, a net increase of 3014 miles in the year. The heaviest construction of the year was in the southwestern group of states, in which no less than 1710 miles were built, Missouri having to its credit 418 miles, Arkansas 202 miles, Texas 318 miles, Kansas 31 miles, Colorado 147 miles, New Mexico less than one mile.

OLD AGE

Our Local Druggist Tells People of Astoria How to Ward It Off.

Some people at fifty call themselves old, and really appear so, while others at seventy seem active, vigorous and young.

A reporter of the Astorian happened in the store of Charles Rogers, our local druggist, the other evening, and this subject was brought up. Said Mr. Rogers, "It is a fact and we see it illustrated every day right here in Astoria. It is not years; old age does not begin at any set time, but it is loss of vital force that makes a person old. A severe sickness, weakened digestion, thin blood, or poor circulation soon starts vitality on the wane and then a person rapidly ages."

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